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Appellant's amendments filed April 19, 2000, paper numbers 30-32 have been received and entered. Claims 38-68, 73-77, 80-103, 108-132, 137-139, 142 and 143 have been canceled (paper number 32). Claims 1-14, 16-20, 26-32, 36 and 37 are pending. The issue remains as to whether claims 1-14, 16-20, 26-32, 36 and 37 are rejected under 35 USC 103, as being obvious over Cajot *et al.* taken with Wills *et al.* or Liu *et al.*, in view of Zhang *et al.* or Bramwell. Appellants Reply Brief (paper number 30) has been fully considered. Examiner's answer (paper number 29) as previously written as it applies to claims 1-14, 16-20, 26-32, 36 and 37 is maintained.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph Woitach, whose telephone number is (703) 305-3732. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 to 4:30 (Eastern time).

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